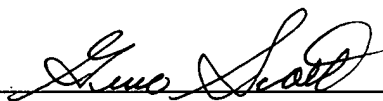


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Applicant takes notice that the drawings are not objected to.
2. Claims 1-12 are pending in this application; claims 8 and 12 have been canceled, and claims 1 and 9 have been amended.
3. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Nauck (1-5, 8-10) and also over Shirley (6, 7, 11 and 12). However, the above amendment traverses this rejection in that neither Nauck nor Shirley teaches the critical step of activating the system by motion sensing as taught in the instant specification and claims 8 and 12. Therefore, independent claims 1 and 8 are now in condition for allowance and claims 2-7 and 10 and 11 respectively, are also in condition for the same reasons as for the independent claims upon which they depend. The benefit of using motion sensing to start the video sequence is that no cropping or editing of the video tape is necessary. This is considered critical to a "coin" operated system whereby the completed tape is in condition for being delivered to the customer immediately upon completion and such video recording is then ready for playback.
4. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



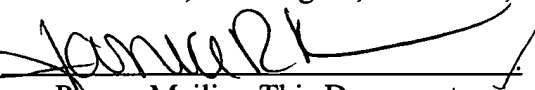
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A golf-related contest and game apparatus comprising: a single hole golf course fairway, and positioned at one end of the golf course fairway, a tee-off area, and positioned at another end of the golf course fairway, a golf green with cup area; a field house structure positioned adjacent the tee-off area; the field house structure housing an electrical power source, and energized thereby: a first video capturing means, a video storing means, and a video playback means; the apparatus further comprising a second video capturing means positioned adjacent the golf green with cup area; the apparatus electrically interconnected and enabled for capturing on video tape, golf ball drives from the tee-off area and golf ball arrivals at the golf green with cup area, whereby golfers are able to obtain video recordings of golf play; and further comprising a motion sensing means adapted for actuating each of the video capturing means upon sensing motion in the field of view of each respective of the video capturing means.

9. (Amended) A golf-related contest and game method comprising the steps of: providing a single hole golf course fairway, having positioned at one end, a tee-off area, and at another end, a golf green with cup area; positioning a field house structure adjacent to the tee-off area; viewing golf play on the golf course fairway with a video capturing means; storing the captured video and playing back the captured video on demand; whereby golfers are able to obtain video recordings of golf play; and further comprising the step of actuating the video capturing means by sensing motion on the fairway.

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